

Craignish Community Company

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday 7th February 2026 at 2:00pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Board: Jamie Murray (Chair), Virginia Bird, Heather Craig, Jane Smee (Secretary).

1. **Apologies:** There were apologies from Ken Taggart and Laura Leslie-Sherwood
2. **Minutes of the meeting on 14th January 2026 were approved.** There were no matters arising that were not covered later in the meeting.

3. **Finance:**

Ken had given his apologies, and confirmed that there will be an up-to-date finance report for the March meeting.

4. **Community Action Plan (CAP):**

Jamie confirmed that the response time was to be left open until the end of this month to allow for further efforts to obtain responses.

5. **Centralising emails and documents:**

Everyone is still working on setting this up. Some further support may be needed. It was agreed that we would start sending emails to the new craignish.info addresses as well as to the old ones.

6. **Kilvaree Stones:**

Virginia reported that Mark Hampton has given her the plastic paddles that could carry the information on offer inside the chapel, hung on a lectern or something similar which could be taken away during the winter. She had looked at the possibility of buying, or having someone make, a suitable lectern. A cost estimate so far was in the region of £750. It is a difficult thing to design but necessary as we cannot fix anything permanently to the ground in the chapel, as we do not own the land. But the information board outside the chapel can be fixed in concrete and there is a suitable space to the left of the chapel entrance. Not much further progress can be made until Sharon finalises the wording for the paddles and panel. She is very busy and so this may be 6 weeks away.

7. **Possibility of becoming a SCIO:**

Jane reported that she had finished a draft Constitution based on the one suggested by the Scottish Government Community Land Team. (We need to follow this if we wish to retain our rights under the Community Right to Buy legislation.) Ken had looked at the draft and suggested some amendments. Jane will circulate the draft with notes of these amendments for further comments.

It was agreed that for the present we would work towards seeking the approval of the Members at the AGM in July, rather than calling an earlier General Meeting.

Our name would have to change as we would no longer be a Limited Company, and it was agreed that the new name should be "Craignish Development Trust".

It was agreed that we needed to recruit more Directors/Trustees and generally raise C3's profile. Jamie will publicise this.

8. Any other business - possibility of buying the Village Shop for affordable housing:

Jamie had spoken to Rebecca Dalton, who would be willing to consider this. He explained the means by which we might raise the necessary funds, using a loan stock scheme to raise a deposit and obtaining a mortgage for the balance. Heather agreed to look into some of the options. It was acknowledged that this was a significant project needing careful consideration, but we might have to move quite quickly; and that there were other considerations beyond the purchase such as the level of rent (the usual way is to follow the local authority's rate) and management.

9. Date of next meeting:

This was noted to be on Wednesday March 11th at 6:30pm, but this may be moved back as Jane and Virginia will not be available then.

10. The meeting ended at 3.20pm and Jamie thanked everyone for attending.

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Chair

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Date